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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT LUSAKA 1851, SENT SECSTATE 18 JULY:

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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA RAID

REF: STATE 177813

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE ME ON SUBJECT INFORMATION BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS ON SUNDAY, JULY 18 BUT INSTRUCTED HIS TWO SPECIAL ASSISTANTS MARK CHONA AND HIS DEPUTY PETER KASANDA TO HEAR ME OUT AND REPORT TO HIM. THEY RECEIVED ME AT CHONA'S HOME AROUND NOON.

2. WHEN MESSAGE DELIVERED CHONA SAID ZAMBIA HAD NO RPT NO INTENTION OF RECEIVING AN EMISSARY FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO INVESTIGATE. ZAMBIA WOULD TAKE ITS CASE TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND HOPED FOR USG SUPPORT. SAID ZAMBIA WOULD SEEK TO HAVE UNITED NATIONS: A) ASSERT ITS LEGAL AUTHORITY OVER NAMIBIA; B)

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CALL FOR IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF ALL FURTHER INCURSIONS BY SAG

FROM TERRITORY IT ILLEGALLY OCCUPYING INTO SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES BORDERING IT; AND C) TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO SEE THAT THERE NO REPETITION OF INCIDENTS.

3. CHONA SAID RAID WAS MADE ON NAMIBIAN REFUGEE CAMP AND THAT TOTAL OF 24 LIVES LOST, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE SINCE DIED FROM WOUNDS. NOTED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN LAND MINES ALONG ZAMBEZI HAD KILLED TOTAL OF 4 ZAMBIANS SINCE BEGINNING OF YEAR AND INJURED SCORES OF OTHERS WHO STILL IN HOSPITAL.

4. I ASKED CHONA IF IT CERTAIN SOUTH AFRICANS REALLY RESPONSIBLE, AS PM VORSTER HAD SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT. CHONA ACKNOWLEDGED IT COULD BE RHODSIANS ACTING WITH KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF SOUTH AFRICANS BUT HE INCLINED TO DOUBT THIS. SAID IT CERTAINLY COULD NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO INTERNAL SWAPO SQUABBLES AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS DO NOT HAVE AIRCRAFT.

5. FINALLY CHONA SAID ZAMBIA "ANGRY AND BITTER" BECAUSE VORSTER IS PROVING HIMSELF "UNRELIABLE" NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF WANTON SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON ZAMBIAN TERRITORY BUT IN HAVING GIVEN PROMISE TO ZAMBIANS TO CEASE SUPPLYING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO RHODESIA, YET CONTINUING TO DO SO.

6. CHONA SAID ZAMBIA WOULD INSIST AT UN THAT SAG ABIDE BY GENERAL RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA OF LAST JANUARY AND RELINQUISH ALL CONTROL AND WITHDRAW ITS FORCES WITHIN AUGUST DEADLINE.

7. I SUGGESTED THAT EVIDENCE OF SAG INVOLVEMENT IN RAID WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO ANY CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR ZAMBIAN POSITION. ALSO IT QUITE POSSIBLE THERE WOULD BE PRESSURE IN UN FOR INVESTIGATION. LET THEM COME, CHONA SAID, BUT THE INVESTIGATORS MUST LEAD THE PARTY AND TAKE THE LAND MINES STILL PLANTED ALONG ZAMBIA'S BORDERS.

8. IN CONCLUSION CHONA SAID PRESIDENT KAUNDA WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSING SUBJECT OF RAID WITH ME AT FAREWELL LUNCHEON HE OFFERING ME TOMORROW AT STATE HOUSE. WILKOWSKI UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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